Clearing the Backlog of SC and ST Employees

2374. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to clear the mounting backlog of jobs for SC and ST personnel in Central and State Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when there will no backlog of SC and ST appointments?

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(c) No time-frame for clearing the backlog for SC and ST appointments can be fixed, as recruitment is a continuous process and time gap between occurance and filling up of a vacancy is inevitable.

Consideration Zone for promotion

2375. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the procedure to fill up vacancies in a particular cadre, if candidates are not available within the normal consideration zone;

(b) whether it is a fact that only eligible candidates who fulfil the minimum service period, qualification and other conditions as per recruitment rule, are considered in consideration zone for promotion; and

(c) if not, what is the procedure for making consideration zone for promotion?

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